Long War Concept

The Marine Corps Plan for Strategic Force Employment to Achieve a Stable Global Environment through Partnership

"Evolve Marine Corps and naval operating concepts that address our contributions to Combatant Commanders' theater security cooperation plans even as we maintain our contingency and crisis response capability"—34th CMC Planning Guidance 2006

Vision

A concept of employment that best postures the Marine Corps with its global partners to meet the current and projected steady state security requirements.

Marine Corps Endstate

Organizationally support the regional combatant commanders' theater campaign plans

Assumptions

- That the Marine Corps will remain a Multicapable Force—relevant across the range of military operations (ROMO)
- That geographic CCDRs will have a greater demand for Marine forces to conduct theater security cooperation
- That CENTCOM drawdown and 202K growth will allow a more balanced presence throughout the globe
- That current initiatives will enhance the Marine Corps' irregular warfare capability and capacity
- That Agreed Implementation Plans (AIPs) are implemented with Marine Corps recommended changes
- That funding and authorities will be aligned to support Marine operations in support of CCDR theater campaign

CCDR Demand vs. Insufficient Forces

CCDR Demand

- Persistent engagement
- Forward presence
- Strategic Partnerships capability & capacity building
- Security
- Partner Nation counterterrorism capability / capacity
- Coverage in ungoverned areas
- Intelligence, Surveillance, Reconnaissance (ISR)

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Current Situation

- CENTCOM focused
- COIN specific training
- Reduced forward presence worldwide
- Limited capacity for Security Cooperation (SC) operations
- Reduced maritime connection
- Unable to address many CCDR requirements
- Degraded home station unit readiness

Demand exceeds current supply of Marine forces

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MAGTFs
Across the Range of Military Operations

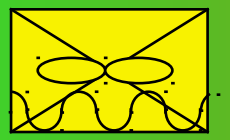
Partner and Prevent, Persistent Presence

Crisis Response and Limited Contingency Ops

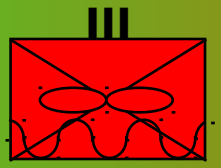
Forcible Entry and Major Operations and Campaigns

Train, Advise, & Assist Teams

Dets, Platoons & Companies



SP MAGTF
SC MAGTF
Task Organized



MEU
~2,200 personnel
- **Battalion (Rein)**
- **Composite Sqdn**
- **Combat Log Bn**

MEB
14,000 – 17,000 personnel
- **Regiment (Rein)**
- **Marine Air Group**
- **Combat Log Regiment**

MEF
40,000 – 80,000+ personnel
- **Divisions**
- **Wings**
- **Marine Log Grou**

Multicapable

"Two- Fisted Fighter"

Across the ROMO

Joint / Multinational Operations and Interagency Activities

MAGTF Capabilities

Partner and Prevent | **Crisis Response and Limited Contingency Ops** | **Forcible Entry and Major Operations and Campaigns**

Theater Security Cooperation

Noncombatant Evacuation Operations

Counterinsurgency

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Marine Expeditionary Unit

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Marine Expeditionary Brigade

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Marine Expeditionary Fo

Sustained Combat Ops

Security Cooperation Special Purpose MAGTFs

Humanitarian Assistance Disaster Relief

Joint Forcible Entry

Multi-Capable

"Two- Fisted Fighter"

Across the Range of Military Operations

Joint / Multinational Operations and Interagency Activities

Security Cooperation MAGTF

Task organized to meet specific CCDR requirements

Notional

SC MAGTF

Additional capabilities / attachments as required:

- **Interagency Representatives**
- **Navy Expeditionary Combat Command**
- **U.S. Coast Guard**
- **Allies**
- **Info Operations / Civil Affairs**
- **Veterinary capabilities**
- **Band**
- **Others as needed**

Reinforced Infantry Battalion

Task Organized Aviation Detachment

Task Organized Combat Logistics Element

Other Detachments

Security Cooperation Enablers

Career Marine Regional Studies Program

Center for Advanced Operational and Culture Learning

SCETC
SECURITY COOPERATION EDUCATION AND TRAINING CENTER

Security Cooperation Education and Training Center

Marine Corps Training and Advisory Group

Marine Corps Information Operations Center

Foreign Area Officers
Regional Affairs Officers

SC MAGTF

Foreign Exchange Program

SC MAGTF Life Cycle

Traditional High End Combined Arms Training

SC MAGTF Predeployment Training

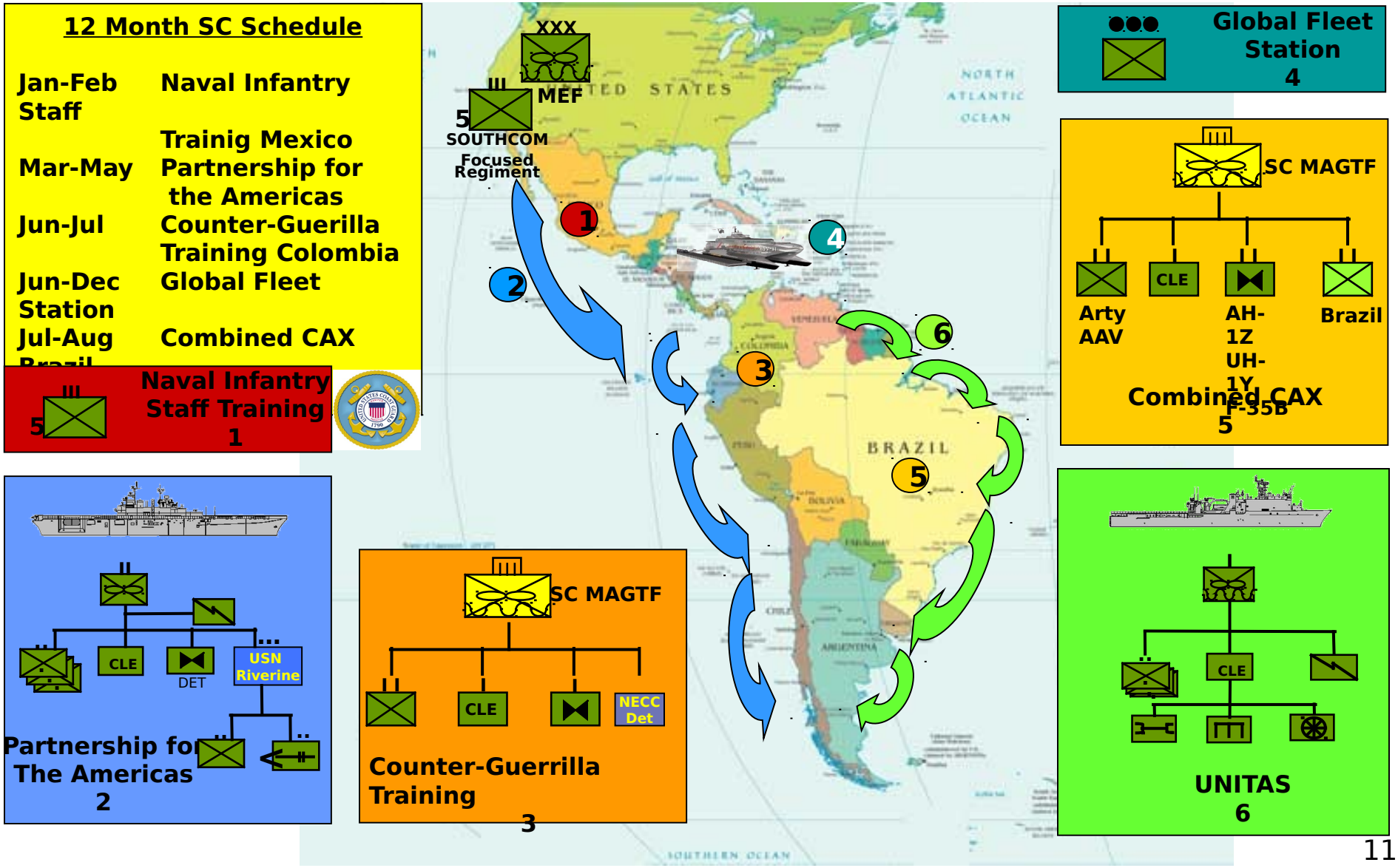
SC MAGTF Deployment

Requires a minimum of 1 : 2 Deployment to Dwell

CONUS based SC MAGTF Vignette

12 Month SC Schedule

Jan-Feb	Naval Infantry Staff
Mar-May	Trainig Mexico Partnership for the Americas
Jun-Jul	Counter-Guerilla Training Colombia
Jun-Dec	Global Fleet Station
Jul-Aug	Combined CAX
Brazil	



Global Fleet Station
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SC MAGTF
CLE
Arty AAV
AH-1Z UH-1Y F-35B
Brazil
Combined CAX
5

III
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Naval Infantry Staff Training
1

CLE
DET
USN Riverine
Partnership for The Americas
2

SC MAGTF
CLE
NECC Det
Counter-Guerrilla Training
3

CLE
UNITAS
6

Security Cooperation MAGTF Vignette

SC MAGTF

Forward Operating Site (FOS)

APS*

OEF-TS

AU Training In Ghana

Staff Training In Nigeria

CJTF-HOA

Capacity Building In Liberia

Cooperative Security Location (CSL) (Sao Tome)

Capacity Building In Kenya

* This GFS is Africa Partnership Station

Trust and cooperation cannot be surged

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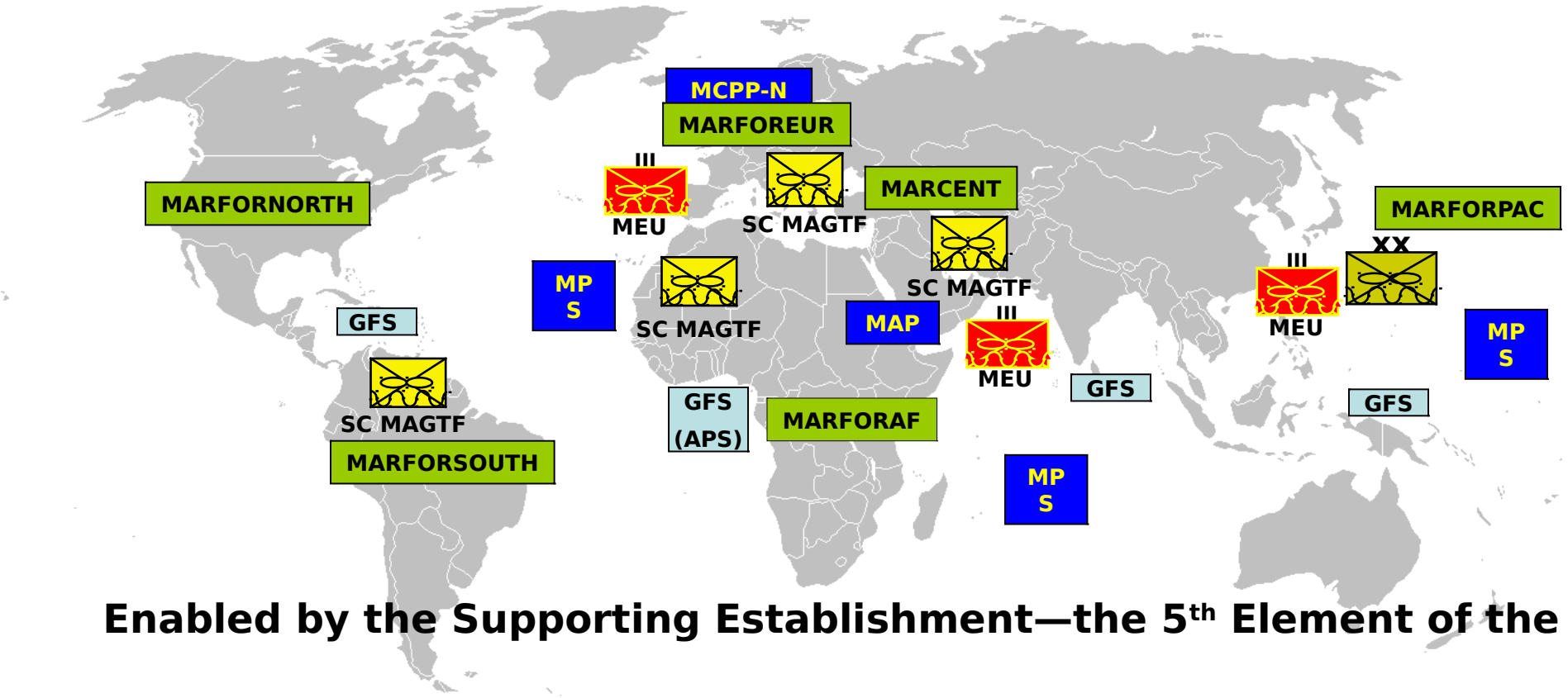
USMC Forward Deployed

Complementary to a Joint, Combined, Whole of Government Approach



Enabled by the Supporting Establishment—the 5th Element of the M

Reservoir of capability, task organized to support the CC

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Marine Corps Summary

The Long War Concept of deployment and employment supports the CCDR's Theater Campaign Plan.

MAGTFs relevant across the ROMO

Forward Deployed
Balanced
Task organized

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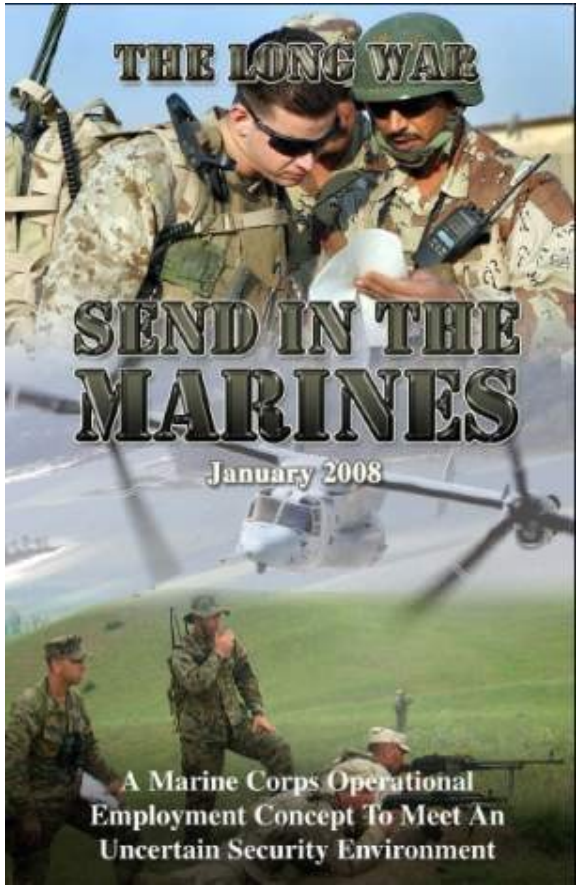
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